

Western Avenue Work Scheduled

Bids will be opened March 5 for widening of a three-quarter-mile stretch of Western Avenue in the Palos Verdes-San Pedro area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

The Board of Supervisors approved plans and specifications yesterday before calling for bids. The project will be between Palos Verdes Drive North and Redondela Drive.

Work on Western Avenue will include widening and paving and installation of curbs, gutters, and a raised center median divider. The road will be reconstructed to four lanes with left turn channels.

"COMPLETION of this project is expected by July if no complications arise," Chace said. "The program is part of a multi-staged improvement of 10 miles of Western Avenue between the San Diego Freeway in Torrance and 25th Street in San Pedro."

Chace pointed out that the county recently approved a joint agreement with Los Angeles, Torrance, Lomita, and the state for the over-all project. The contract provides that the state will pay half the construction costs.

"Western Avenue is a major north-south artery stretching from Griffith Park in Los Angeles to the Palos Verdes Peninsula," Chace said. "The completed work will increase the safety factor and provide for a traffic capacity of 32,000 vehicles a day."

IN ADDITION to widening and repaving, the construction contract will call for sidewalks, drainage structures, and driveways. The traffic

Boy Scouts Celebrate Birthday

Torrance Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers will be among 53,138 scouts of the Los Angeles Area Council to observe the 58th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 through 13.

The week's theme is "Scouting rounds a guy out." Community leaders who have been invited to attend the week-end event.

Area scouts staged a giant parade last Saturday in Hermosa Beach, Lomita Scout Days were celebrated Feb. 3 through 5 at Lomita Park. Some 1,000 scouts are expected to participate in the Gardena Valley Camporee Feb. 9 through 11 at the Rowley Park. The public is

Hard Soles Asked for Cyclists

Legislation to require persons riding or operating motorcycles and motor bikes on state highways to wear protective foot coverings with hard soles has been introduced by Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend — (D-Torrance).

Townsend, in introducing the bill, said a tremendous increase in motorcycle registrations during the past six years has produced an increase in the accident rate.

"We are particularly plagued with foot and leg injuries in the Beach areas," Townsend said.

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